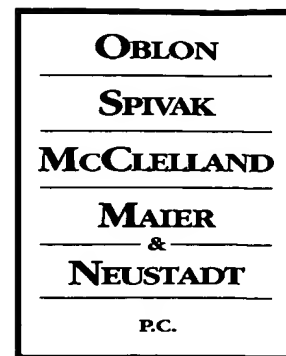




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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Amendment and Request for Reconsideration

Certified English Translation of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 11-304847 and 11-172405

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In response to the Office Action dated February 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 1 of this paper.

A discussion of the **Support for the Amendments** begins on page 2 of this paper.

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